



ALEXANDRIA, VA.

MONDAY, MAY 1, 1871.

**NARROW GAUGE RAILROADS.**—The New York Tribune, in an article relating to Narrow Gauge Railroads, says that "the old battle, so severely waged forty years ago between Brunel and the Stephensons, is to be fought again by the theoretical and practical engineers of our day. The Stephensons of old gained the fight in the general adoption of their 4-foot-8½-inch gauge, and the advocates of further reduction bid fair to win in the present contest. If trunk railways are the arteries of a great country, branch lines are the smaller vessels by which the life-blood is distributed from and returned to the heart." A well-equipped, narrow-gauge road, meeting present requirements, and those likely to arise in the course of a few years, can often be built and worked where a broad-gauge road, constructed at a greatly enhanced cost, and entailing much heavier expenses for operation and repairs, would be out of the question. At the same time there would be an annual saving in the capital account of the narrow-gauge road, which would go far to meet the expense of development, in years to come. We hope, in view of connections with the great through lines existing or to be constructed, in this State, this subject of Narrow Gauge Railroads, will attract the attention of our citizens in town and country.

Commissioner Pleasanton has sent a circular to the Internal Revenue officers stating that Section 11 of the act of Congress of July 14, 1870, only requires every person of a lawful age, whose gross income during the preceding year exceeds \$2,000, to make and render a return to the Assistant Assessor of the district in which he resides. Persons whose incomes are less than \$2,000 are not required to make returns, nor is there any authority of law for Assessors or Assistant Assessors to call for such returns. In case any Assessor or Assistant Assessor has sufficient evidence that a person who has not made a return on income has defrauded the Government, then they will proceed against such person as is prescribed by law.

A gentleman from N. York, who has lately "interviewed" Mr. Alex. H. Stephens, in Georgia, reports that Mr. S. adheres as firmly as ever to the doctrine of State rights, and sees in its triumph alone the salvation of the Republic from a centralized despotism. He considers the Thirteenth Amendment as having been fully ratified and valid, as the natural result of the war. The Fourteenth and Fifteenth Amendments he considers as "gross usurpations of power, passed by force and fraud," with seven of the original thirteen colonies unrepresented.

A statement having appeared to the effect that Montgomery Blair's house was "burned by Gen. Early on his march to Washington," that commander writes as follows:—"On arriving in front of Washington I had guards placed at the houses both of Mr. Montgomery Blair and his father, Mr. Francis P. Blair, Sr., as soon as I was informed some depredations had been committed at the house of the latter. Mr. Montgomery Blair's house was fired after the guard withdrew from it. How it was fired I have never been able to ascertain, but it was entirely without my sanction or authority."

By the opening of the Connellsville R. R., a reduction will be established in the rate of fare between Baltimore, Washington and Pittsburg. By the old route via Harrisburg, the fare from Baltimore has been ten dollars, and from Washington eleven dollars and fifty cents to Pittsburg. By the new route the fare from Baltimore has been fixed at eight dollars and fifty cents, and from Washington at nine dollars and fifty cents, a saving to Baltimore passengers of one dollar and fifty cents, and to Washington passengers of two dollars.

Both in New Orleans and Charleston, resistance through the Courts of Law is to be made to the issue of alleged illegal bonds authorized by the Legislatures of Louisiana and South Carolina. The bonds, it is said, are largely in excess of the amount authorized by the constitutions of both States. In New Orleans notice is given that the citizens, failing to prevent the issue of these bonds, will refuse the payment of any taxes intended to meet either the interest or principal of them.

It is said that the full effect of the late decision of the Supreme Court, that the salaries of State officers are not taxable under the Internal Revenue laws, has not yet been reached, for other questions involving a great deal of litigation, if not much money, have arisen in consequence. Already an Erie Canal Superintendent has claimed exemption, and the liability of State bonds is questioned, and upon both issues the Supreme Court will have to rule.

Senator Garrett Davis, of Ky., a few days ago visited Lexington, Va., to see his son, who is a student of Washington and Lee University. The students and citizens gave Mr. D. a welcome and he was called out and made them an excellent address. The crowd was also addressed by Col. Ed. Pendleton, Gov. Letcher, and J. Randolph Tucker.

The Washington correspondent of the Baltimore Gazette says "that orders have been issued to open all the passenger cars between Washington and Baltimore to travellers, with outward regard to race or color." Recent decisions of the Courts have forced the railroad company to adopt this course, or locate their terminating depot outside of the District limits."

It is reported that in compliance with Bismarck's threat, the Commune in Paris has released the Archbishop of Paris.

## NEWS OF THE DAY.

"To show the very age and body of the Times"

On Saturday morning, in New York, the cry of murder from 125 Elm street, occupied by Miss Manning, attracted the attention of the police, who, entering the place found Miss M. bound hand and foot, and her face covered with blood. When released she stated that about 3:30 she lay in one of the inmates, and then went to bed and fell asleep. Soon after she was awakened by some person taking hold of her, and saw four men in the room with their faces covered with handkerchiefs. After they had bound and gagged her they proceeded to rob her place. Diamond earrings were wrested from her ears, and three finger rings, locket and necklace, all valued at \$1,475, and also about \$180 in money, which she had tied in a handkerchief and placed under her pillow, were taken.

On Friday night a kerosene lamp in the house of a colored family named Jones, on the Richmond farm, near Bladensburg, Md., exploded and set fire to a bed in which were two children. One of the little ones was burned to death, and the other so severely injured that its life is despaired of. The father of the children ran in, and throwing the bed out of the window it fell on his wife, and her clothes taking fire, she, too, was badly burned. The injured child can hardly survive, as one ear is burned off, and the bones are laid bare on one side of the face.

Between two and three hundred Indians appeared on the Kansas Pacific Railroad on Saturday, between Eagle Trail and Montory, and somewhat obstructed the track. It is supposed they were a portion of the band that recently entered Montory under a white flag to trade with the people. The Indians that have been on the Kansas Pacific Railroad are Cheyennes, Sioux and Arapahoes, and are on their way to the Arkansas river, hunting.

On Thursday evening there was committed in a street car in New York, a most brutal and unprovoked assault upon a gentleman, which has since resulted in a murder. Mr. Avery D. Putnam, a gentleman of respectability and refinement, was the victim, and died on Saturday. He was first grossly insulted by a rowdy and upon getting out of the cars was followed, knocked down and killed. Foster, the assassin, has been arrested.

Rear Admiral Henry Walke, U. S. N., has been placed upon the retired list, at his own request, and Commodore Benj. F. Sands, Superintendent of the Naval Observatory, has been promoted to the grade of Rear Admiral to fill the vacancy. Commodore James Alden, Chief of the Bureau of Navigation, will also be promoted to the grade of Rear Admiral in the course of a month or two.

Sharon Tyndale, late Secretary of State of Illinois, was murdered on the public streets in Springfield on Saturday while on the way from his residence to the railroad depot to take the cars for St. Louis. He was shot probably by a robber. There is no clue yet to the murderer, but a large reward will be offered. There is great excitement at Springfield.

The annual decoration of the graves of Confederate dead, was observed with appropriate services on Wednesday last, in the cities of Atlanta, Columbus and Macon, Georgia, and of Mobile and Montgomery, Alabama. On the same day the corner-stone of a monument was laid in Charleston, West Virginia. The crevasse in the Mississippi levee at Bonnet Carré is not yet repaired, and the river continues to pour through it and over miles of surrounding country in a tremendous flood. Descriptions of the locality of the disaster speak of a widespread scene of ruin and desolation.

The employees of McKay's iron and locomotive works in Jersey City, are on a strike to recover back wages, many having received nothing since January, and threaten, if not paid by Thursday, to attack the property of the concern.

The act of Congress repealing the internal revenue special taxes on nearly all kinds of business, except whiskey and tobacco, goes into effect to-day, the first of May. It reduces the Government income over a hundred million dollars annually.

The City Comptroller of New York reports that under the new tax levy the amount will fall short about \$7,000,000, and a considerable deduction must be made in the city and county expenditures for the ensuing year.

The miners at Tamaqua, Pa., on Saturday rejected the operators' offer for a resumption of work on a compromise basis.

During May Secretary Boutwell will sell eight millions of dollars of gold and purchase ten millions of bonds.

THE FUNDING OF THE PUBLIC DEBT.—The following communication from General Asa Rogers concerning the funding of State stock will be found interesting to those who hold the State stock, and to whom the State is indebted:

"SECOND ANNUAL REPORT OF THE

RICHMOND, VA., April 28, 1871.

So many inquiries are addressed to this office in respect to the terms of the 'Act to provide for the funding and payment of the public debt,' approved March 20th, it is deemed proper to publish notice for the information of parties concerned;

Persons wishing to fund their stock and interest will apply in person here, or place their stock, with instructions and proper orders, to the kind of stock they elect to take, &c., in the hands of some one outside of this office, as official duties alone will render it impracticable to give attention to those matters.

Except where stock is to be funded in the same name, and for the same kind of stock, a power of attorney will be required authorizing the attorney to act in the premises.

Where interest only on old registered stock stands to the credit of a party 1st July, 1871, the order of the owner will be sufficient, specifying in whose name it shall be funded.

The new certificates of January 1, 1866, and January 1, 1867, issued for arrears of interest to those periods, will be funded, with all the interest thereon to 1st July, 1871.

The funding will commence on the 5th of July next, at which time a register of applicants will be kept, and they will be served in their regular order.

ASA ROGERS, Second Auditor.

DEATH OF COL. LLOYD NOLAND.—In the death of this venerable and esteemed citizen, another one of the honored patriarchs, which link us to past generations has been "gathered to his fathers," leaving but few, in our country, of the representatives of that old school of Virginia gentlemen, who blessed and honored their day and generation, the communities in which they lived.

Col. Noland attained the age of 80, having passed a long and useful life in this section of Virginia. During the war of 1812, he shared the fortunes of those who volunteered for the defence of their country, and in after life filled many responsible positions. For twenty years he discharged the duties of magistrate in Fauquier county. He was a genial, generous and hospitable gentleman, and of his kindness of heart and acts of benevolence to the needy. As a friend, neighbor and citizen his memory will be cherished as a model for the guidance and imitation of those who knew him.

He was the father of Maj. B. P. Noland, and leaves a large connection to lament his death.—*Leesburg Washingtonian.*

## VIRGINIA NEWS.

On Saturday, George Wood, a fireman on the Southside railroad, at Lynchburg, at the Central depot, attempted to jump on the caboose of a freight train at the depot, while the cars were in motion. He missed his footing and fell under the truck, and the wheel passing over him, his entire right leg was mangled in a horrible manner, cutting it off near the knee.

It is said that almost the entire bed of the Pamunkey river for a distance of twenty miles, and its banks upon either side, is simply a bed of this good mud. It is more abundant in quantity and superior in quality to that which the Jerseyman hauls with his team over sandy roads from twenty to thirty miles, to scatter over his fields and enrich them.

We are pained to announce that Judge Joyner, of the Court of Appeals, was on Monday last taken suddenly and seriously ill at his home in Petersburg; and much so, that for some time serious apprehensions were felt for his life. The last accounts of his condition, however, are most favorable. We are informed that his disease was paralysis.

Elmer J. Douglass, of New York city, has purchased the fine estate of Thomas K. Chandler, called "Oak Spring," one and a half miles from Guinea's station, in Caroline county. The seller is negotiating with a capital 10-40 capitalists to sell a large body of land on the Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac road, on which to settle a French colony.

On Saturday the sheriffs were paying over quite briskly, and the result was that the First Auditor received over \$8,000. Col. Strother, Superintendent of the penitentiary, also paid over \$2,000, received for the hire of convicts employed on public works. The amount in the treasury on Saturday afternoon was about \$540,000.

Dr. Lewis and McGiffin, indicted for the murder of special constable Drummond, of Brunswick county, Va., have been on trial in Lynchburg. Dr. Lewis was pronounced insane; on Saturday McGiffin was convicted of murder in the first degree, and sentenced to be hanged on July 21st.

Gen. Mahone, has recently expressed his intention to spend \$10,000 in diffusing over Europe information as to the resources and advantages of the South. He asks the co-operation of the Board of Trade of Southern cities in obtaining the necessary statistical information.

On Wednesday morning last, near Wytheville an individual named Jack Wyrick, a man of notoriously bad character, struck a blow with a rock which resulted in the death of an unoffending citizen named Wm. Myers, who died Friday morning.

Mr. Woodroof, of Lynchburg, who has disappeared, after committing certain forgeries, had in his hands a large estate belonging to the heirs of the late Samuel Miller, the bulk of which was in bonds. What disposition he made of this estate is as yet unascertained.

Mr. Julius Lejbart, whose tobacco factory at Petersburg, Virginia, was burned last week, has been arrested, after an examination into the affair by the fire officials, on suspicion, and put under bond in the sum of \$2,000.

A third bridge is to span the James river at Richmond. The Tredge Works will build one of Howe truss pattern, to pass locomotives of their manufacture over to the Danville railroad.

Geo. G. Perry, of Culpeper, indicted for illicit distillery, has been convicted, and sentenced to one year's confinement, and to pay a fine of \$1,000.

Mr. Nathaniel Crockett, one of the oldest and most esteemed citizens of Draper's Valley, in Pulaski county, died on the 28th ult. His age was about 60.

A. L. Lathrop, from Mecklenburg, has been appointed collector of internal revenue for the Fourth District, in place of W. H. Stowell.

The last plank was laid on Mayo's bridge, between Richmond and Manchester, on Saturday last.

Gov. Walker has been chosen president of the Richmond Memorial Tablet Association.

The U. S. District Court is to meet in Richmond on to-morrow.

FAUQUIER COUNTY.—At the last County Court, the jury in the case of the Commonwealth vs. Thomas P. Glascock, indicted for the murder of James Corder in 1864, failed to agree and were discharged. Glascock was then let to bail in the sum of \$1000 for his appearance on the 1st day of the next June term of the Court.

Ferdinand Mitchell, a colored boy about 10 years of age, indicted for firing the barn and stable of Smith H. Tharpe, was acquitted. Although the evidence in this case was not clear as to whether the burning was intentional, yet it was evident that the tender years of the accused was the principal ground on which the jury acquitted him.

Messrs. Wm. H. Payne and John M. Forbes, Commissioners, sold under a decree of the Court in the case of Sedwick vs. Blight, on last Monday, the farm lately occupied by Mrs. G. A. Blight, situated in the neighborhood of the Springs and containing 280 acres, to Mr. Jno. A. Spilman, for \$25 per acre.

Hugh R. Garden and Wm. H. Payne, Commissioners in the case of Halley vs. Halley, sold on the same day, a little homestead of 63 acres on which the late Henry S. Halley resided, within a short walk of Warrenton, to R. P. Doby, for \$32 per acre.

J. H. Rixey, has contracted for the erection of a fine brick mansion on his beautiful farm lying on the Winchester road near Warrenton.

Capt. A. D. Payne, and A. Ullman have purchased from Richards Payne, the vacant lot facing on Culpeper street in Warrenton, for \$800 per acre. Workmen are engaged in laying the foundation of Mr. Ullman's house, which promises to be an ornament to that part of the town.

The publication of the Virginia Sentinel was suspended last week for want of sufficient patronage to keep up a healthy existence, and on Monday the press and fixtures of the establishment were sold at auction, when the proprietors of the True Index became the purchasers.

The ladies of the Memorial Association in Warrenton, from the necessity they are under of resorting to every expedient in their power to raise means to erect a memorial to the Confederate dead, will at some time in the month of May, hereafter to be announced, open a strawberry feast at the store room at present occupied by John T. James, which he has kindly loaned for the occasion. They will at the same time set a cold supper at night. And a variety of fancy and useful articles will be offered for sale.

A special term of the Circuit Court will be held in Warrenton, commencing on the 5th day of next July, for the purpose of trying the eight New York merchant cases, in which Mr. Lerner is defendant.

At the recent term of the Circuit Court of this county a divorce from the bonds of matrimony was granted Mary Jane Craig, colored, wife of John Craig. J. V. Chilton counsel for plaintiff.

A bolt of lightning on Friday during the storm slightly injured three telegraph posts near the engine house in Warrenton and followed the wires into the telegraph office.

The sale of some very desirable property in the county has been postponed until the 4th Monday in May, which is the first day of the next term of Fauquier County Court.—*Warrenton Index.*

LOUDOUN COUNTY.—On Friday last, as Mr. Cokerill, night watchman at the Leesburg Depot was assisting in coupling baggage cars, the sleeve of his coat caught in a bolt, and he endeavored to detach it, this right hand was caught between the cars and dreadfully crushed. The hand was dressed by Dr. A. R. Mott, and will probably be saved.

The lumber for the new parsonage at Hamilton, was accidentally burned last week.

The Circuit Court, Judge Keith presiding, has been in session here during the present week. Several cases have been disposed of, and a good deal of Chancery business transacted.

Mrs. Charles P. McCabe, of Leesburg, who visited Baltimore last week on business, was so unfortunate as to lose \$180 dollars. She is unable to determine whether the loss was accidental or not.

A Convocation of the Protestant Episcopal Church is now in session in Leesburg. A number of ministers are in attendance, and very interesting religious services are in progress, morning and evening, in St. James' Church.—*Leesburg Washingtonian.*

ARCTIC EXPEDITION.—The last Congress made an appropriation of \$100,000 for Arctic explorations, of which a portion was placed at the disposal of the famous Capt. Hall. With 20 Bits a lot of Moulton Grinnell and Brevoort, of Cape Cod, and others, were engaged, and after a struggle with every pack. A powerful steaming tug of 400 tons, the Periwinkle, rechristened the Polar, has been procured from the Navy Department. The company will consist of twenty-two picked men. An astronomer, a geographer and a meteorologist accompany the expedition. Two Esquimaux, Joe and his "cooney," or wife, Hannah, who have been with Capt. Hall for some years, also go along.

Captain Hall will sail from Washington about the 25th of May. He expects to make 80 degrees north of King William's Land this season, and winter there. Next spring they set out over the ice with sledges for the open Polar sea. Captain Hall has been overwhelmed with applications from volunteers from all parts of the Union, including enthusiastic youths of wealth and even ladies of recognized social station. According to the present programme, the expedition hopes to return by the autumn of 1873.—*Baltimore Sun.*

JUDGES OF FAUQUIER ELECTIONS, who hold over for 12 months:

Paris—W. W. Rogers, Wm. Kendall, and Jos. A. Gibson.

New Baltimore—Silas B. Hutton, R. T. Mitchell and A. D. Smith.

Warrenton Junction—Geo. W. Holtzclaw, Isaac E. Peters and Wm. Colvin.

Warrenton—John Ward, Isham Keith and James D. Kirby.

Orlean—T. M. Hirst, Berryman Payne and Jno. B. Payne.

The Plains—T. B. Hutchison, Josiah T. Fishback and John H. Washington.

Morrisville—S. G. Embrey, A. J. Jones and B. W. Allen.

Bristersburg—David Peters, Joseph Reid and M. A. Moncreur.

Rectortown—James Priest, Geo. A. Kenner, and James G. Seaton.

Markham—Wm. H. Strother, Joseph Davis and James White.

Salem—Geo. H. Thomson, Sam. S. Morgan and Moses Gibson.

Beaton—Wm. P. Ficklin, Horace Johnson and Charles H. Gordon.

MASONS CELEBRATION IN SEPTEMBER.—The various committees appointed by the Grand Commandery of Knight Templar of Maryland to make arrangements for the grand triennial convocation of Knights Templar, to take place in Baltimore in September next, held a meeting at the Temple, Friday evening. It was stated that communications had been received from commanderies in every section of the country signifying their intention of being present. Large delegations will be here from the West, quarters for three hundred having already been engaged by the St. Louis commanderies at Barnum's City Hotel. Already many have engaged quarters at the Eutaw House. The Gilmore House on Monument Square, has been engaged by a Philadelphia commandery. There will be ample quarters provided, however, for all who may come. The meeting Friday evening appointed a committee to take exclusive charge of visiting members of the press.—*Balt. Sun.*

LYNCHBURG AND DANVILLE RAILROAD.—We learn that the contractors on the two divisions of the Lynchburg and Danville railroad, south of Staunton river, will commence work last of this week, and will have about 500 hands on each of the divisions. Messrs. Adams, Hammer, & Co., are now energetically at work, seven miles from the city, with about fifty hands, and will largely increase this force during the present and succeeding weeks. They will also give employment to 500 hands.—*Lynchburg News.*

JUDGES.—Among the duties of the Legislature to be elected next fall, will be to elect county judges. The constitution fixes the term of county judges at six years, except the first term under this constitution which shall be three years. As our Legislature is elected biennially, it will devolve upon the body chosen next fall, to fill the places of the present Judges.

Robert Barnes, of Evansville, Indiana, recently deceased, left by his will \$500,000 for the founding and endowment of a college, with the proviso that no minister or clergyman, or agent of any religious sect, should ever be employed in such college, or even admitted within its enclosure.

Judge Blatchford, in the U. S. Court at New York on Saturday, gave Fisk and Gould a further reprieve until to-morrow before going on with the proceedings to compel them to bring the books of the Erie Railroad into Court.

The graduating ceremonies of the Artillery School, United States Army, at Fortress Monroe, for the class of 1871, took place in the presence of a large concourse on Thursday evening last.

PAVING THE STREETS.—There is nothing so unfavorably impresses a stranger upon entering a city as neglected or dilapidated streets. All who have gone from home and given any attention to the subject must have noticed the fact. Our very efficient Superintendent of Police has certainly been untiring with the small force at his command, and I am glad to find he is now at work on Washington street, between Duke and Franklin streets. In no part of the city has the spirit of improvement and enterprise been more clearly manifested. Within the past few years the Gas and Water pipes have both been extended, and beautiful shade trees line the side walks. A comparatively small appropriation expended on this street would give us a continued avenue from North to South of one hundred feet wide extending entirely through the city. The citizens on this street are already contemplating extending the pavement to Franklin street and it is hoped without further delay the proper grade will be fixed, and the small amount of filling up and leveling that is necessary may be completed. Already the work being done has made a great change in the appearance of the street.

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## Financial and Commercial.

Alexandria Market, May 1, 1871.

FLOUR, Superfine.....	\$6 37	@ 6 50
Extra.....	7 00	@ 7 25
Family.....	7 75	@ 8 00
Family choice.....	8 00	@ 8 25
Good to prime.....	1 35	@ 1 50
WHEAT, white choice.....	1 35	@ 1 50
Good to prime.....	1 35	@ 1 50
Red, choice.....	1 35	@ 1 50
Good to prime.....	1 35	@ 1 50
Common to fair.....	1 35	@ 1 50
CORN, white.....	0 75	@ 0 75
Mixed.....	0 75	@ 0 75
Yellow.....	0 75	@ 0 75
RYE.....	0 85	@ 0 95
OATS.....	0 58	@ 0 60
BUTTER, prime.....	0 35	@ 0 35
Common to middling.....	0 12	@ 0 18
EGGS.....	0 17	@ 0 18
TURKEYS, per doz.....	0 20	@ 0 22
CHICKENS, per doz.....	0 60	@ 0 60
IRISH POTATOES.....	1 30	@ 1 50
LEARD.....	0 12	@ 0 12
BEANS, white.....	1 15	@ 2 00
ONIONS, weight.....	0 75	@ 1 00
TIMOTHY SEED.....	6 25	@ 7 00
CLOVER SEED.....	7 00	@ 7 25
BACON, Hams, country.....	0 14	@ 0 16
Lard.....	0 11	@ 0 12
Shoulders.....	0 09	@ 0 09
GREEN APPLES, per bbl.....	2 00	@ 2 00
PLASTER, ground, per ton.....	7 50	@ 8 00
Ground, in bags or bbls.....	9 00	@ 9 00
Ground, in bags, returned.....	4 75	@ 5 00
SALT, G. A. (Kissel).....	1 45	@ 1 65
Finest.....	2 50	@ 2 75
Turkey Island.....	0 00	@ 0 05
WOOL, common unwashed.....	0 28	@ 0 30
Washed.....	0 28	@ 0 30
Merino, unwashed.....	0 40	@ 0 45
Merino, washed.....	0 40	@ 0 45
HAY, per ton from the cars.....	15 00	@ 18 00

REMARKS.—There is but little competition in the Wheat market; offerings are light, consisting of